

Ronald Kerry Rowe - nominated by the Canadian Geotechnical Society for the Sir John Kennedy Medal

Kerry Rowe is Professor and Canada Research Chair in Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineering at Queen's University. He is known for his seminal and outstanding contributions to the engineering science and practice of Geoengineering. Kerry Rowe has led international research efforts in both Geosynthetics and Landfill Engineering, transforming practice in Canada to the highest level internationally, and reaching across boundaries to guide the development and implementation of engineering science on these topics in many countries.

His extraordinary professional contributions included the training of many high-level technical experts, his leadership as President of the Canadian Geotechnical Society and the Engineering Institute of Canada, and his work as one of the leading researchers in the country.

Kerry Rowe has been recognized with the highest honours for Geotechnical Engineering scholarship internationally (the Rankine Lecture), for Engineering in Canada (the Killam Prize) and beyond (as an International Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering). Tonight we take great pride in honouring this distinguished Canadian engineer, researcher and teacher with the Institute's most senior honour.

Ladies and gentlemen, and Mr. President, as the Recipient of the Sir John Kennedy Medal, please welcome Kerry Rowe.